Deepening canal running through Mundakapadam paddy lands.

245. MR. V. O. MARKOS (*Kottayam III—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Public Works and Irrigation be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the Mundakapadam paddy lands comprising about 150 acres partly in Changanacherry taluk and partly in Kottayam taluk have become impossible for cultivation on account of the silting up of the canal running through the middle of the paddy fields, especially the portion lying in between the places where the Kottayam-Karukachal road and the Puthupally-Pudussery road cross the said canal; and

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to make early arrangements for deepening and widening this canal so as to enable the said paddy fields being cultivated regularly?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: Answer to (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. V. O. MARKOS: May I know when this widening work will be taken?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: There is some difficulty in the way of taking this work. There are some encroachments in this canal and the Land Commissioner has been asked to remove this encroachment. When the encroachments are removed, work will be taken up immediately.

MR. V. O. MARKOS: May I know whether these two works may be taken up together?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: ചോദ്യം കേട്ടില്ല.

MR. V. O. MARKOS: Is there any co-ordination between the Grow more Food Department and the Irrigation Department in this matter?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: I will see that both the works are taken up simultaneously.

MR. P. T. CHACKO: The question is whether there is any co-ordination.

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: No.

Bridge at Kongandoor.

246. MR. V. O. MARKOS: Will the Honourable Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(*a*) what steps have been taken by the Government and the Public Works Department with regard to the bridge at Kongandoor across the Pannagam thodu in Kottayam taluk;

(*b*) whether any amount has been sanctioned for the work so far;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to take necessary steps to start work immediately so as to complete it at least in 1124; and

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